



season's greetings

Christmas is the time when the sound of heaven is miraculously heard in the voice of man, when God became a peasant child, when mystery erupts into joy.

Of all places on earth, Lycoming College is a most likely place for this mysterious alchemy to occur. Here learning, which has always been the handmaiden of the gods, is freed by Faith from the tyranny of idols and superstition, where the Truth which sets us free is embodied once more, where the transforming power of knowledge is itself transformed, enlivened and set at liberty.

May the blessings of Christmas be yours throughout the New Year.

Frederick E. Blumer

Christmas Spirit on Campus

'Twas two weeks before Christmas and all around campus preparations were under way. The Student Union Board, with elves Ellen Simpson and Terry Peterson in charge, worked for several weeks on "A Christmas Fantasy"--a dinner-dance held December 11. Featuring a "Candlelight Smorgasbord Buffet" and the Bucknell Jazz and Rock Ensemble, it had to be one of the fun parties of the season. The Board had a Christmas Decorating Party last Sunday and dressed up Wertz Student Center for all the holiday activities.

The Lycoming College Choir went caroling on Sunday evening, December 12. The Chapel Board and the Catholic Council jointly sponsored a Christmas Candlelight Service in Clarke Chapel on December 15, preceded by caroling on campus. The Women of Lycoming sponsored a Family Christmas Party in Pennington Lounge on December 19. Some fraternities held parties with goodies and toys for some less fortunate children. Many residence halls, fraternities and other groups had parties for their members.

Finally, on December 21, all the people--and spouses--who work for the College assembled in the College Dining Room for the Annual Christmas Dinner.

And it's beginning to look like Christmas, with decorations in dorm windows and trimmed trees in many buildings.

No doubt this brief review of campus Christmas events has overlooked some--and we're sorry for that--but the point is that many students and others here are involved in the observance of Christmas--and that's great!

We add our best wishes for all students, alumni, parents and friends may the Holiday Season be merry and the New Year--the beginning of our Third Century as a nation--be happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous!

Out of the Past . .

In the October issue, our "Out of the Past" feature was a reprint of an 1848 newspaper article announcing the opening of Dickinson Seminary.

This month we turn the calendar back thirty-six more years--1812--to the Williamsport Academy. Its official name, believe it or not, was "Williamsport Academy for the Education of Youth in the English and other Languages, in the Useful Arts, Science and Literature." According to Charles Scott Williams' History of Lycoming College, the academy was chartered in 1811 by local Scotch-Presbyterians. Other sources indicate that the building shown here was not built until 1814, however, 1812 has for years been used as the founding date of Lycoming College, which evolved from the Williamsport Academy, Dickinson Seminary, and Williamsport-Dickinson Junior College.

So far as we knew until recently, no photographs, woodcuts or lithographs of the academy existed. Then to our surprise and delight, the Williamsport Sun-Gazette published a picture of it on November 18, 1976. We are much indebted to the "Sun" for copies of the picture which helps to fill a gap in our college archives.

The Williamsport Academy was a two-story octagonal brick structure, each floor having two rooms. It was used for educational purposes, mainly at the elementary level, until 1838, when another two-story

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The Williamsport Academy was housed in this structure for about 25 years. Date of photograph is unknown, but certainly after the academy moved to the present campus and the building was converted into a dwelling--perhaps as late as 1880.

Happy Holidays

"Consortium I," a composition by Dr. GLEN E. MORGAN, chairman of the music department at Lycoming, was featured Sunday, December 12, on the "Pennsylvania Composers" program presented by WITF-FM, a public service television and radio station at Hershey.

TERRY WILD, Art Department, recently won first place in the Village Voice Photographic Contest co-sponsored by International Center for Photography. Two thousand photographs were entered in the contest, which had as its theme Bicentennial/Americana. The winning photo is currently on display at ICP in New York City.

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OUT OF THE PAST

brick building was erected on the Old Main site of the present campus. In fact, this structure, with two additional floors added, became the west wing of Old Main, which was finally razed in 1965.

The site of the old Williamsport Academy was the northwest corner of the intersection of West Third and West Streets. The new Federal Building is now nearing completion across West Street from the academy site. The reasons for moving the academy to the present campus are interesting: "Whereas the said situation is no longer deemed a proper situation for an academy by reason of the termination of the Williamsport and Elmira Railroad at or near the house attracting the attention of the scholars and endangering their personal safety." (The Editor)



Dr. J. J. Zelenka, Public Information Director for the Department of Cultural Services presents the Governor's Citation of Appreciation for Lycoming, an 18-minute performance at the William Penn Museum in Harrisburg on October 21. Students participating include: Bill Knapp and Bob Lavery.



Eight Warrior football players, four from each of the offensive and defensive units, have been named to the 1976 Middle Atlantic Conference All-Star Team, and one of the eight has been chosen to the Eastern College Athletic Conference All-East Team. Two additional Warriors were given honorable mention on the MAC team. The 10 Lycoming players were picked from a squad which compiled an 8-1 won-lost mark in 1976 for the best record in Warrior history.

Senior defensive end STEVE WEIGLE, of Williamsport, was honored by selection to both teams. The Warrior co-captain was also a repeater from the 1975 All-MAC team. Also chosen to the conference all-star squad were junior middle guard MIKE PROWANT, of Dubois, Pa., for the third time, senior linebacker RANDY PARSONS, of Camp Hill, also for the third time, and junior defensive back DWIGHT STILWELL, of Staten Island, N.Y., who made his first appearance on the team. Sophomore defensive tackle JERRY BUTLER, of Philadelphia, was named honorable mention for the second consecutive year.

Offensive players, all picked for the initial time, include junior split end JIM JEFFRIES and junior middle guard DOMINIC JOHNSON, who were high school team-mates at Willingboro, N.J., and sophomore tailback KEVIN McVEY and sophomore tackle FRAN MILLER, who played high school ball on the same team at Archbishop Ryan High School in Philadelphia. Honorable mention went to sophomore center ANDY PISULAK, of Northampton.

Weigle, Prowant, Parsons and Butler anchored a defensive line which held its opponents to 44 yards per game rushing for the top ranking in that category in the nation among small colleges. The Warriors will also probably finish second in overall defense (136.4) in the nation after final official statistics are released in December.

Last year Lycoming finished first in overall and second in rushing defense. Stilwell was the key man in the defensive secondary with 21 tackles and one interception. The Warriors also finished first on defense in the conference.

Prowant seldom had an average game in a season in which he was in on 87 tackles, including 56 solo, and 9 quarterback sacks. He also recovered three fumbles, blocked two punts, and intercepted two passes, both in one game for a feat that is rare among middle guards. The one blocked punt was converted into a touchdown by tackle Tony DiSandro for the game winning margin in a 21-15 victory over Wilkes.

Parsons, a speedy linebacker and sure tackler, participated in 102 tackles, including 52 unassisted, recovered two fumbles, intercepted two passes, and blocked a punt. Weigle, rated as the best defensive end in the conference, had 42 solo tackles and 31 assists, including 9 sacks, recovered 2 fumbles, and blocked two punts, one of which resulted in a safety. He also scored a touchdown after recovering a punt blocked by defensive back Tom Rice against Albright. Butler recorded 40 solo tackles and had 23 assists and led the team in tackling opposing quarterbacks with 11.

McVey sparkled on offense all year while breaking several school single game and season records. He carried the ball 219 times from scrimmage for 833 yards, both season records, and scored 7 touchdowns, equaling a season mark. He also caught 11 passes for an additional 68 yards and returned 8 kickoffs for 168. He also established a new single game mark for times carried when he was called on 39 times at Albright, a performance he repeated in the Western Maryland game.

Jeffries also tied a school record with five touchdown receptions. Many of his 15 receptions for 298 yards were caught in clutch situations. Miller, Johnson, and Pisulak, operating in an offensive line which has improved considerably in the past several years, made many of the key blocks for McVey and the other Lycoming runners.

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